(ii) *Distance:*

(a) *In normal areas:*

The Minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) *In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and In accessible areas:*

The distance limit will toe the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) *Anticipated income:*

(a) *In normal areas:*

The minimum anticipated revenue will foe 33 1/3 per cent of cost.

(b) *In hilly tribal, desert and Inac cessible areas:*

The minimum anticipated income will be 15 per cent of the cost.

Departmental Sub Post Offices (Plan)

Since Novemberr covers departmental sub post offices are also sanctioned under the Plan Scheme subject to the following conditions.

(i) The scheme covers departmental sub offices to 'be set up in project areas, new industrial estates/townships| satellite colonies developed in the periphery of cities/urban agglomerations and other similar developments which have come up in new areas in pursuance of the plan activities of State and Central' Government departments and agencies. In other words, the concept of Postal sector plan to be enlarged to cover the postal infrastructure required for the overall National Plan.

(ii) The proposed sub offices should have a minimum anticipated work-load of *9 hours* per day.

(HI) While departmental sub offices are AFJECTED to bo financial self-supporting, in rural areas a loss up to Rs. 2400/- per annum is allowed (Rs. 4800/- in hilly[backward/tribai areas.

Departmental sub post offices (Non Plan)

Post offices in urban areas are opened subject to the following conditions:—

(i) Initially the post offices should be self-supporting but at the time of the first annual review it should show a 5 per cent profit to be eligible for further retention.

(ii) The minimum distance between two post offices is now raised to 1-5 Kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above and 2 Kms. in other urban areas.

(iii) No extra departmental post offices will' be opened in future in urban areas.

Telephone and Dak Adalats in Bihar

3700. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) number of telephone and dak adalats held in different parts of the State of Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases in each of the adalats that decided in the State during the said period;

(c) whether Government propose to hold more telephone and dak adalats in Bihar in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No. of Telephone and Dak Adalats held in Bihar are:

(i) *Telephone Adalats*

1989-90	1
1990-91	7
1991-92 . .	9

(ii) *Postal Adalats*

1990-92 . .	7

(b) *No. of cases decided—TelecoMe:*

Year	No. of cases
1989-90	61
1990-91	121
1991-92	204

No. of cases decided— Postal

Year	No. of cases
1989-90	Adalat not in existance
1990-91	
1991-92	250

(c) and (d) Telephone and Dak Adalats are held on quarterly basis and will continue to be held with the same frequency.

BIDS for Radio Paging Services

3701. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has decided to invite tenders for radio paging services in 27 urban areas in the country;

(b) if so, the number of bids received in this regard; and

(c) what further action has been taken by Government in regard to these bids?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAJDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Sir, 83 bids were received against the tender for operation of radio paging service in 27 urban areas, .which are under evaluation.

Supply of Switching exchanges

3702. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his department has sent out letters of counter offer to three multinationals to splly switching exchanges;

(b) whether it is a fact that a global tender for supply of three lakh lines of digital Telephone exchanges was floated recently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir. Letters of counter offer in connection with recent tender have been sent to 3 bidders who have registered themselves to manufacture switching exchanges in India and have obtained R.B.I. clearance for foreign collaboration.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

राजस्थान में एस०टी०डी०ए० सुविधायें

3703 श्री शिव चरण सिंह क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजस्थान में कितने स्थानों पर एस०टी०डी० सुविधा उपलब्ध है और देश के अन्य भागों की तुलना में उनकी संख्या कम होने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) राजस्थान में इस वर्ष के अन्त तक कौन-कौन से शहरों में एस०टी०डी० सुविधा उपलब्ध कराए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उनके विभाग के पास एस०टी०डी० सुविधा उपलब्ध कराने संबंधी कोई नीति नहीं है यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) राजस्थान के करौली और हिण्डोन कस्बों में एस०टी०डी० सुविधा